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## January suffered most rain since records began

# WETTEST EVER

**IT is hardly surprising that last month was one of the wettest since records began, but Oxford University experts have now officially confirmed it.**

By **Jack Johnson**
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The University's Radcliffe Meteorological Station recorded 146.9mm of rainfall for January.

This exceeds the previous high for January with 138.7mm in 1852, with the university recording rainfall since the 1760s.

Experts say last month's rainfall is almost three times what is normally expected.

Since the station's records began, the average rainfall in January has been 52.5mm.

Dr Ian Ashpole, Radcliffe Meteorological observer based at the university, said: "This January has had a very high number of 'very wet' days rather than a few 'monster' ones.

"People who live in the Oxford area endured consistently wet weather all January this year,


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*• Binsey Lane in Oxford is just one of the many sites around the county to have been flooded because of the wet weather and (inset) a parent and cyclist battle the waters around Abingdon Road*


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# Oxon research shows wettest ever January

**Wet Januarys**
- **2014** - *146.9mm*
- **1852** - *138.7mm*
- **1995** - *131.4mm*
- **1948** - *127.3mm*
- **1877** - *115.1mm*
- **1939** - *112.8mm*

** Figures courtesy of the Radcliffe Meteorological Station at Oxford University*

• *From front page*

with only one rain-free day."

Scientists say it rained every day last month, apart from January 11, and for 23 days out of 31 we experienced 2mm of rainfall or more.

At the beginning of last month, Abingdon Road and Botley Road were closed in both directions after water completely covered the routes.

Seacourt Park and Ride was also forced to close while flooding also affected Binsey Lane, Ferry Hinksey Road and the Wytham to Wolvercote Road.

The county experienced more heavy rain yesterday with a flood warning in place for the River Thames and tributaries at New Botley, New and North Hinksey and Grandpoint.

A statement on the Environment Agency website stated that in the "Godstow, Osney and Botley Road areas river level remain high and are also increasing slowly".

Water levels on the River Thames are also continuing to rise between Abingdon and Clifton Hampden.

However, the Environmental Agency do not expect any properties to flood.

Oxfordshire County Council announced last month that a flooding summit will take place on March 21.

Various organisations will be invited to discuss the issue and work to reduce the risk to the local area.

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• *The wet weather has brought misery to Oxford in the last few weeks*

• *A playground is flooded and a motorist carefully negotiates the standing water*

• *A previous Journal story on how flooding could become an even more regular Oxfordshire occurrence*

## Ticket con artist behind bars

**A TAXI driver has been sentenced to six months' imprisonment for a speeding ticket scam in Oxford.**

Stephen Foster-Dight, 57, of Marlow Bottom, Marlow, was caught for speeding in the Oxford area three times in November and December 2012.

However, when sent notices he did not admit to being the driver.

Instead Foster-Dight provided police with details of a man in America for two of the offences and his wife for the other.

He was charged with perverting the course of justice and pleaded guilty.

Investigating officer PC Carl Lewis said: "This sends out a clear message that those who try to evade the relevant penalties for speeding offences will be dealt with.

"By asking family members to accept speeding tickets that are not their own also puts them at serious risk of receiving a prison sentence."

## Raise a toast to wine festival

**PLANS for a major wine festival to be held in Oxford have been announced, and is scheduled to take place on August 23 and 24.**

It will feature wines from over 20 different countries, alongside a selection from England's best vineyards and other emerging regions.

The festival will also include tutored tasting sessions hosted by some of the world's leading authorities on wine, as well as food and live music.

Chris Bowling, one of the founders of the festival, said: "We are creating a really ambitious event that will draw in people from both the city and from around the world.

"We want an event that reflects the host city – intelligent, fun, atmospheric and renowned.

"This will be an opportunity to meet new people, discover new wines, and enjoy this world-famous location with a glass of wine in your hand.

"It is a chance for both tourists and locals to sample everything that is delicious and fascinating in today's world of wine."

Over 3,000 people are expected to attend the festival over the two days. For more information, go to the website: www.oxfordwinefestival.org.

## News Bites

### Countess visit

THE Countess of Wessex will be visiting Oxford next Thursday as she officially opens the Highfield Unit, a facility which helps people aged 11 to 18 with acute mental health needs.

Highfield opened to patients at the beginning of 2013, and the £11m unit has 18 bedrooms, a state-of-the-art music suite and dedicated learning zone to help patients continue their education.

Next Thursday's visit will see the Countess receive a tour of the site, meet patients and speak to staff.

### University strike

OXFORD members of Unite, the country's largest union of higher education staff, will stage a third one day strike today in a dispute over pay.

Union members are unhappy with what they have described as a 'paltry' one per cent pay offer, following news that some university vice-chancellors were receiving big pay rises.

Unite national officer for education Mike McCartney said: "A decent pay rise can well be afforded by the higher education sector as it is sitting on a cash mountain with an operating surplus of more than £1billion."

### Stay vigilant

OXFORDSHIRE County Council's Trading Standards officers and firefighters are warning that many mattresses and sofas are not compliant with safety regulations, and are urging buyers to be vigilant.

Manufacturers are required to make the products using fire-resistant foam and materials, but a recent BBC broadcast found that 80 per cent failed Trading Standards tests.

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# A show of strength for one million victims...

• *Last year's flash mob in Oxford*

**WOMEN in Oxford will be taking part in a major global campaign to end violence against women by staging a flash mob and a feminist street party in Gloucester Green on Valentine's Day.**

Those taking part will join women worldwide in supporting the One Billion Rising initiative, which demands justice for the one billion women who are raped or beaten during their lifetime.

This year's campaign is backed by a number of celebrities, with many women in London attending a large gathering in Trafalgar Square.

By **Adam Flinn**
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Oxford's event will demand an end to such abuse and call for the modernisation of compulsory sex education in British schools.

Event organiser for Oxford, Dana Mills, said: "This is an event to show women are not afraid and are not vulnerable.

"We will be joining forces in dance to resist violence in a non-violent way, and we will be dancing to show that we are strong and to show that togetherness and joy will overcome violence and anger."

Lynne Franks, lead organiser of the UK campaign, said: "It is a crucial time for London to be taking a leadership role in this major international campaign.

"As a global hub, we have the opportunity to amplify the key messages of One Billion Rising from our event at Trafalgar Square to the rest of the world."

The One Billion Rising Campaign was established last year on the 15th anniversary of the V-Day movement, which was launched by activist and writer Eve Ensler in 1998.

Eve said: "In 2013, one billion rose around the world to end violence against women and girls in the biggest mass action in the history of the world.

"This year we are escalating and connecting the dots.

"We are rising for gender, economic, racial, environmental justice. We are rising and dancing with our bodies, to end the violations towards out bodies and the body of the Earth."

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## A34 slip road consultation is launched

**A CONSULTATION on proposals for new slip roads on the A34, which could help alleviate traffic on local routes, is underway.**

Oxfordshire County Council wish to discuss plans for new north facing slip roads at the Chilton Interchange which would cost £10million.

Members of the public can also leave comments on the county council website.

The slip roads have been designed to improve the accessibility of the Science Vale UK Enterprise Zone.

Cllr David Nimmo Smith, cabinet member for transport at the county council, said: "Current routes to Harwell Oxford using local roads from Milton Interchange and via Rowstock roundabout are already congested.

"New slip roads at Chilton interchange will give people an alternative to these routes.

"And increased confidence in the transport network and direct access from the A34 will attract business investment in the Enterprise Zone at Harwell Oxford which will lead to more jobs."

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# Youngsters to benefit from 'landmark' deal

**YOUNG people across the county will be among thousands to benefit from the signing of Oxford and Oxfordshire's landmark City Deal.**

The multi-million pound deal will create more than 50,000 jobs, 500 apprenticeships and the delivery of over 7,000 homes.

By **Jack Johnson**
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Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg signed the deal last week and described it as a "message of hope" for the unemployed younger generation.

The City Deal will also see major improvements to the road network as well as a new 'Science Transit' public transport scheme.

New innovation centres will also be built at Harwell, Culham, Oxford BioEscalator and Begbroke.

• *Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg and Minister for Cities Greg Clarke sign the Oxford and Oxfordshire City Deal*

Mr Clegg said: "For those youngsters who are writing one CV after the next and are not getting any answer and are getting frustrated sat at home, this City Deal is a message of hope because this will create thousands of new jobs."

The City Deal will help to create more than 18,000 long-term jobs with an added 30,000 in construction to support the development of the area.

Mr Clegg added: "By creating thousands of jobs and hundreds of new apprenticeships, this deal has the genuine power to change the fortunes of many people across the region, ensuring we are building a stronger economy and doing it fairly.

"We believe that government doesn't always know best.

"The best way to unlock growth, create more jobs and opportunities for young people is to allow local areas, communities, business people and decision makers to make more of their own decisions.

"Oxford has got this world-beating reputation for science and innovation but what we have got to do is package it altogether in a deal."

Central government is supplying £55million worth of funding for innovation, transport and skills, combined with £40million from local authorities.

Cllr Ian Hudspeth, leader of Oxfordshire County Council, said the City Deal is "a fantastic opportunity and is just the start".

He continued: "This is recognition from central government that Oxfordshire is a place that is here to do business.

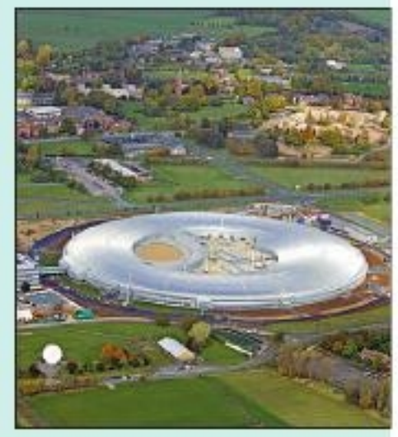
"We have got the big science capability around Harwell and Culham, we have got some fantastic brains coming out of Oxford University and Oxford Brookes University and we have just got to bring them all together to make sure they stay here.

"It has got to be a good deal for Oxfordshire and it really puts us to the forefront of growing the country out of recession."

Nicola Blackwood, MP for Oxford West and Abingdon, added: "This City Deal is about central government, local government and local business working together to invest what's needed to create the jobs, infrastructure, skills and housing we need for our local economy to fulfil its truly extraordinary potential."

## What does the City Deal mean for the county?

- Investment of £67m in new innovation centres at Harwell, Culham, Oxford BioEscalator and Begbroke
- Acceleration of the delivery of 7,500 homes
- Investment in a Growth Hub to help small and medium enterprises
- Three new transport schemes supporting developments at the Enterprise Zone, Northern Gateway and first phase of the 'Science Transit'
- Creation of 18,600 new jobs and a further 31,400 in construction
- Delivery of over 500 new apprenticeships

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## Jurors find former officer guilty of misconduct

**A SERVING police officer has been convicted of misconduct in a public office in Oxford.**

Sugra Hanif, 26, from Bretch Hill in Banbury, was found guilty along with Raza Khan, from Ivy Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

The jury was unable to reach a verdict for a third defendant.

Hanif allegedly sold personal information to Khan and the other defendant, and both were convicted at Winchester Crown Court last Thursday.

They are scheduled to be sentenced at the same court on March 7, while the Crown Prosecution Service are considering whether to request a re-trial in the case of the other defendant.

Deputy chief constable Francis Habgood said: "It is essential that the people of the Thames Valley have absolute trust and confidence in the Force and its officers to serve with integrity and professionalism at all times.

"The jury has found that the conduct of PC Hanif fell below the standards Thames Valley Police expects from its officers. We will now progress with misconduct proceedings."

# Queen's Baton Relay to return to the city

**REMINISCENT of two years ago, a baton celebrating a sporting event on our shores will be passing through the city this summer.**

By **Jack Johnson**
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The Queen's Baton Relay (QBR) will come to Oxford on June 6, drumming up support for Team England ahead of this July's Commonwealth Games in Glasgow.

Starting the day at the grounds of Magdalen College, the baton will make its way to Cutteslowe to celebrate the games and promote participation in sport.

Cllr Mark Lygo, board member for Parks, Sport and Events at Oxford City Council, said: "I'm delighted that Oxford was selected to host the Queen's Baton Relay.

"This is a great opportunity for our city to show its support for Team England and help get the local people active."

Celebrations will also continue into the evening with the Cutteslowe Summer Festival.

Dame Kelly Holmes, Commonwealth Games England President, added: "Oxford has a huge sporting tradition and I know that public here will support the English athletes at the Games in July.

"The QBR is a great chance to both send your backing to the team in Glasgow and have a go at some of the sports that will be available at QBR events."

As the traditional curtain-raiser to the Commonwealth Games, the QBR visits 68 nations and contains a message from the Queen to the Commonwealth which is read out at the opening ceremony.

The baton's visit to England is the last international leg of the relay before it enters Scotland.

After travelling through Oxford, the baton will head to London before moving on to Suffolk, Leicester, Hull, Leeds, Newcastle and on to its final event at Alnwick Castle in Northumberland.

**Do you have a story to share with our readers?**

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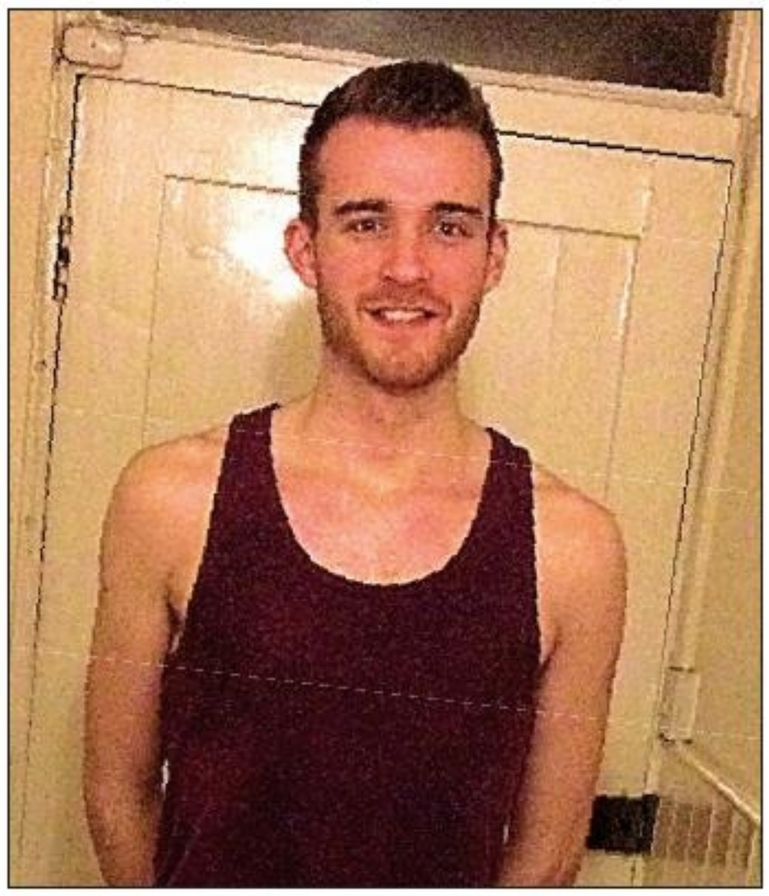
## Marathon man Garreth hopes for running Bliss

**AN OXFORD runner who was born seven weeks premature is preparing to complete the London Marathon and raise money for special care baby charity Bliss.**



Garreth McCrudden was born in March 1991 and required emergency medical attention to care for his lungs, which were underdeveloped.

However he recovered to lead a normal childhood, and is now a PhD student at Oxford's Jesus College.

Garreth said: "When I decided that I wanted to run this year's marathon, there was no doubt in my mind that I wanted to do it for charity, and Bliss was that charity.

"I was born two months prematurely, and I know from my parents just how stressful, unsure and, quite frankly, terrifying that time was for them.

"I'm running for Bliss so that other children born too soon are able to receive the medical care that will give them the fighting chance they deserve."

Amy Rodwell, Bliss events officer, said: "The London Marathon is always a special event, and we're delighted to have Garreth taking part with us this year.

"We want to say a huge thank you to him. He will be helping us continue to support families who are going through what is one of the most difficult times imaginable – having a baby who is seriously ill."

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### Plans on display

PLANS for the redevelopment of Jericho Wharf will be on show to the public over the next few days.

From 10am to 5pm tomorrow and 9am to 12.30pm on Saturday, drawings and a scale model will be exhibited in St Barnabas Church on Cardigan Street.

Following the public's feedback, the plans will be finalised by owners SIAHAF and architects Haworth Tompkins, and submitted to the city council.

### Bee part of it

THE first Oxford Bee Summit, organised by Friends of the Earth, is set to take place tomorrow at the Museum of Natural History.

It will bring together local organisations and people with an interest in helping to reverse the decline of bees.

The summit will begin at 10am with Prof Charles Godfray, hope professor of Zoology at Oxford University, speaking at the event.

### Clean and green

OXFORD City Council's Cleaner, Greener Campaign returned to the streets of Blackbird Leys earlier this week.

The campaign team last visited the estate in February 2010, but have been carrying out a deep clean of the shopping areas at Blackbird Leys Road and Balfour Road this week.

They have also been tackling litter, dog fouling and recycling issues.

# A health service appeal to the people of Oxford

**A MULTI-agency committee is recruiting members of the public to help analyse proposals for substantial changes to health services in Oxfordshire.**

By **Adam Flinn**

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Three people are being sought to join the Oxfordshire Joint Health Overview Scrutiny Committee, which is made up of 12 county, district and city councillors.

The committee meets in public and looks at a range of issues to do with the planning, provision and operation of Oxfordshire's health services.

Public members take on a non-political advisory role to the committee, and help scrutinise health services in the county.

Oxfordshire County Council spokesman Marcus Mabberley said: "Those interested in becoming a co-opted member for a two-year term in the non-political role from April 1 should have a good knowledge of the local health system."

He added that candidates should have an "awareness of the challenges it faces and be able to have a wide view of how health services affect the whole county".

"They should also know the role of scrutiny in local government and local health services and have time to be fully involved in the work of the committee.

"The role, which does not have voting rights, is intended to assist the committee in its work. Co-opted members would be invited to contribute to discussions.

"The committee looks at the actions and performance of commissioners and providers.

"This includes the Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group, Oxford University Hospitals Trust, Oxford Health Foundation Trust and South Central Ambulance Service."

Committee members meet approximately five times a year for around half a day, with other meetings taking place as and when they are required.

The deadline for applications is February 21. Anyone interested in applying for the position can find out more information at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/scrutinyrecruit.

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## Police release E-fit after PCSO is run over

• *Do you recognise this man?*

**AN E-fit of a man who ran over an on-duty Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) last month has been released.**

At around 4.35pm on January 15, the officer approached a man who seemed to be tampering with number plates on a black Volkswagen Golf.

When he saw the officer, the man jumped into the Golf and reversed at speed into him.

The PCSO required hospital treatment for cuts and bruises.

The suspect is described as white, 5ft 7ins tall, in his 30s or 40s and with ginger hair and beard.

He was also wearing a dark jacket at the time.

Police continue to appeal for witnesses to the incident to come forward, in particular a woman, believed to be in her 50s, who walked past with her Red Setter dog.

Witnesses are asked to contact Detective Constable Darren Little of Oxford Local CID on 101, or alternatively contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111.


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Coach departs: **Wednesday 23rd June** £229

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**Day 2:** After you first, breakfast - we have a trip to Whitby. First we travel inland on a scenic drive along the edge of the North Yorkshire Moors and stop at the historic market town of Pickering - famed for it's impressive 12th Century Castle. Then we go on to Whitby on the banks of the river Esk.
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Coach departs: **Sunday 8th June** £366

**Look What's Included...**

**Day 1:** We travel to North Wales and arrive in the historic town of Caernarfon late afternoon and enjoy a comfortable stay at the prestigious Celtic Royal Hotel enjoying close proximity to the World Heritage Site of Caernarfon Castle. Settle-in and look forward to dinner.
**Day 2:** Enjoy breakfast before we board the coach for Holyhead Ferry terminal and our mid-day sailing to Dublin. We arrive in Dublin and head for Donegal via Navan and Cavan to admire the lakes of County Fermanagh landscape.
**Day 3:** A full day excursion featuring the jewel of County Donegal – the Glenveagh National Park. We travel through Ballybofey and Letterkenny and pass through the Blue Stack Mountains to the Glenveagh Castle and estate. Entrance to the Castle is included.
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**Day 6:** A last breakfast in Tralee then board the coach for DUBLIN! We should arrive in Dublin around 12:30pm. Enjoy a few hours this afternoon exploring, shopping, sightseeing and have lunch.
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Coach departs: **Monday 9th June** £249

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**Day 1:** Meet our coach this morning as we head to Eastbourne. We'll have the usual meal and comfort stops on the way down and arrive late afternoon, with time to settle in and get acquainted with the hotel before dinner this evening.
**Day 2:** After a first hearty breakfast (or plenty of lighter options) we enjoy a day out to Regency Brighton with its beautiful Royal Pavilion, the famous Pier and the atmospheric Lanes shopping area.
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**Day 1:** Join our coach this morning on a leisurely journey into South Wales as we head for Fishguard and board the 2:30pm Ferry to Rosslare in Southern Ireland. Arrive in good time for dinner and a relaxing first evening in Ireland.
**Day 2:** A trip to the city of Kilkenny. On the way we travel through the beautiful scenery of the Nire Valley region.
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**Day 4:** Today is left free so you have a chance to explore Dungarvan at your own pace.
**Day 5:** We leave after an early breakfast and catch the 9am ferry from Rosslare back to Fishguard then continue home to your original joining point.

**Lawlors Hotel, Dungarvan ★★★**
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Coach departs: **Wednesday 18th June** £269

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**Day 1:** On the first day we drive down to Southampton. Here we board the 'Red Funnel' ferry to the Isle of Wight - arriving at East Cowes and make the short drive to the Burlington Hotel in Sandown. There's time to settle-in and freshen-up before dinner this evening.
**Day 2:** After breakfast, we've arranged a lovely day out for you. A trip to the Victorian town of Ventor then on to the famous 'Needles' at Alum Bay ending the day in picture postcard Godshill including a cream tea at the Old Smithy.
**Day 3:** Trip to Newport and the seaside town of Ryde. For new years eve we have lively entertainment, fancy dress as we count down to midnight!
**Day 6:** A later breakfast today, then We've today free so you can explore Sandown at your own pace.
**Day 5:** A last breakfast before we set off for home.

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# Boyz are back in town!

**POPULAR dance troupe Balletboyz, featuring 10 of the country's best male dancers, bring their new show 'theTalent' to Oxford's New Theatre tomorrow.**

This is the first time that the group have performed in Oxford, and they will be working with leading UK choreographers Liam Scarlett and Russell Maliphant to perform 'Fallen' and 'Serpent'.

Artistic directors Michael Nunn and William Trevitt founded Balletboyz in 2001, and are looking forward to this latest tour.

By **Adam Flinn**

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Michael said: "The work always grows and develops. We have new people dancing different roles and we always want to find ways for the pieces to remain fresh.

"If there are new challenges for the dancers, that translates into an exciting performance for the audience.

"In the early performances (of 'Fallen' and 'Serpent'), we really liked the sense of watching pure potential on the stage.

"It could be a little rough around the edges at times, but it was thrilling to see young dancers given such an opportunity.

"Now, a few years later, they are a little older, stronger, more experienced and their confidence means that as directors, we know they will deliver."

William added: "This is a perfect opportunity for us to engage with new audiences as well as to perform with Balletboyz fans around the country.

"We've got a really strong company in 'theTalent' and in 'Serpent' and 'Fallen', we've got a really interesting double bill that I think appeals to a very wide audience."

Performing in the Oxford show will be Andrea Carrucciu, Flavien Esmieu, Marc Galvez, Adam Kirkham, Jordan Olpherts, Edward Pearce, Leon Poulton, Matthew Rees. Matthew Sandiford and Bradley Waller.

Tomorrow's show starts at 7.30pm, and tickets start from £11.90. To book, go to www.newtheatreoxford.org.uk or call 0844 871 3020.

*• Balletboyz make their debut visit to the New Theatre tomorrow and (inset) Michael Nunn and William Trevitt*

## Open house

OXFORD'S Pegasus Theatre are holding an Open House weekend on Saturday and Sunday, for visitors to pop in and have a tour of the building and find out more about what's going on at the venue.

Dancing, crafts and choir singing are all on the agenda, and all of the events are free to take part in.

A full programme of workshops is available from the website: www.pegasustheatre.org.uk.

## It's Dracula

THE classic tale of Bram Stoker's Dracula comes to Didcot in a live performance tomorrow night, set in late 19th century England and Transylvania.

It is enacted by Blackeyed Theatre, and offers a chance to see the popular story in a live show to follow the countless film adaptations.

Tickets cost £14.50, and the show begins at 8pm.

## Miles Jupp

ACTOR, writer and comedian Miles Jupp is making a return to stand-up with his first live tour in two years, and is performing at Henley's Kenton Theatre on Saturday and Sunday.

He has regularly appeared in shows such as 'Have I Got News For You', 'Mock the Week' and 'The News Quiz', and will be discussing a range of topics in this weekend's shows from the government to people's pants.

Tickets cost £16.

## Jo Caulfield

STAND-UP comic Jo Caulfield brings her 'Celebration of Anger' to the North Wall Arts Centre on Sunday, to talk about vacuous celebrities, endless TV quiz shows and drunken girlfriends.

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## November Day

CHILDREN'S theatre production A November Day is being staged at the North Wall Arts Centre on Wednesday, with a story about a survivor of the First World War.

Using evocative puppet characters, it tells the tale of friendship during the war, and looks at how people today can carry on to remember them.

Go to www.thenorthwall.com for more information.

## Comic Chris

THE Cotswold Comedy Club returns to Chipping Norton Theatre next Thursday, headlined this time by Chris McCausland.

Chris is believed to be the only professional comedian in the UK who is blind, and although he does make reference to his disability, he prefers to let the variety of his writing stand out.

All tickets cost £13, and are available online at www.chippingnortontheatre.co.uk.

## Larry Miller

BLUES and rock musician Larry Miller, famous for his mesmerising guitar playing and exciting shows, comes to Banbury's Mill Arts Centre on Saturday.

He will be playing songs from his latest album 'Live and Outlawed' and from his extensive back catalogue. Go to www.themillartscentre.co.uk.

# O2 goes all-American!

**OXFORD'S O2 Academy is host to three American bands next week, as Reel Big Fish, Less Than Jake and Zebrahead bring their UK tour to the city on Tuesday.**

By **Adam Flinn**

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Ska punk band Reel Big Fish have been performing since the early nineties, and are best known for their 1997 hit 'Sell Out'.

They released their latest album 'Candy Coated Fury' in 2012, six years after they went independent when they were dropped by their record label.

"We were very happy to be off the major label because they didn't understand us," said lead singer Aaron Barrett.

"They didn't know what to call us, how to market us or who to market us to. So eventually they just ended up doing nothing.

"The best thing about us now is that we're not trying so hard. We're just having fun making music.

"I think everybody is in a good place now and we're a better band. We're happy."

Joining the group for the co-headline tour is ska band Less Than Jake, who like Reel Big Fish have been in the music business since 1992.

Drummer Vinnie Fiorello said: "We have been lucky to have found a second home in the UK and now we get to enjoy it with our great friends in Reel Big Fish and Zebrahead!"

Lead singer Chris DeMakes added: "Twenty years of blood, sweat and beers. It's been a privilege and a pleasure.

"We have survived more trends than we can count and have managed, so far, to leave a legacy of music two decades long."

The two groups are being supported by Californian rock band Zebrahead, following the release of last year's album 'Call Your Friends'.

Bassist Ben Osmundson said: "We can't wait to come back with our friends Reel Big Fish and Less Than Jake.

"Great friends, great beers, great shows and the UK. What could be any better!"

Doors open at 7pm.

• *Reel Big Fish, Less Than Jake and Zebrahead come to Oxford on Tuesday*

## Celtic show

THE Celtic Ladies and Dublin's Irish Tenors Overview come to Oxford's New Theatre on Saturday, with their take on international hits both old and new.

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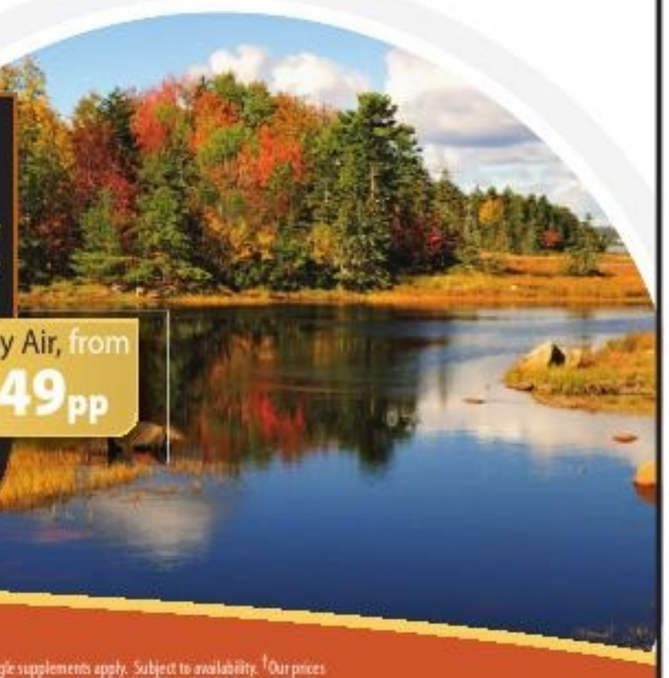

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**7 February**
*Didcot Football Club*
**CLUB RIO THE VENUE FOR OVER 30'S**
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**8 February, 8pm - 9pm**
*The North Wall, Oxford*
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In an audacious, provocative protest against flagrant global attempts to sexualise and commodify childhood for profit, award-winning artist Bryony Kimmings and her niece Taylor, nine, decided to play the global tween machine at its own game by inventing dinosaur-loving, bike riding, tuna pasta-eating, alternative pop star Catherine Bennett.
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**8 February, 5:55pm**
*Vue Bicester, Cineworld Didcot, The Regal Henley-on-Thames, Phoenix Picturehouse Oxford, Cineworld Witney*
**THE MET: LIVE IN HD DVOŘÁK: RUSALKA**
Starring Renée Fleming in the title role and Piotr Beczala as the handsome Prince she yearns to love, with Dolora Zajick as cackling swamp witch Ježibaba.
*Metopera.org/uk*

**8 February, 7pm**
*Corn Exchange Wallingford*
**DIGITAL SHOWING OF TOP GUN**
A fund-raiser for the Cholsey Treehouse School.
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**9 February, 7:30pm**
*Unicorn Theatre, Abingdon*
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**12 February, 7pm - 8pm**
*The North Wall, Oxford*
**A NOVEMBER DAY**
In forgotten boxes in an attic, a woman discovers the story of her grandfather, a survivor of the First World War, and his unexpected encounter with a stray dog who knew no boundaries.
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**13 February, 7pm - 8:30pm**
*Jacqueline du Pré Music Building*
**ROBIN MICHAEL (CELLO) & DANIEL TONG (PIANO)**
Michael & Tong perform Brahms cello sonatas
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**13 February - 14 February, 8pm - 9pm**
*The North Wall, Oxford*
**BALLAD OF THE BURNING STAR**
Armed with music, killer heels and a lethal troop of divas, an enraged Israeli executes a story of victimhood, persecution, aggression and love. With shrapnel-sharp voices and moves as smooth as an oiled tank-chain, this cabaret troop invites you on a journey into the core of a conflicted Jewish state.
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**14 February, 8pm**
*Wallingford Town Hall*
**TALK: 'THE EAST OXFORD ARCHAEOLOGY PROJECT: BARTLEMAS LEPER HOSPITAL, LITTLEMORE PRIORY AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL LANDSCAPES EAST OF OXFORD'**
by Jane Harrison. She will be talking about the discoveries made by the East Oxford Archaeology Project, and in particular about exciting excavations uncovering more about medieval Oxford, at St Bartholomew's Leper Hospital and the Priory of St Nicholas. Visitors (£3) are most welcome.

**15 February, 10am - 12pm**
*Shotover Country Park, Oxford, OX3 8TD*
**TRY ORIENTEERING AT SHOTOVER COUNTRY PARK, OXFORD**
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*Cornerstone, Didcot*
**CARA DILLON**
Tickets £19/£17 conc.
*01235 515144 www.cornerstone-arts.org*

**19 February - 20 February**
*Cornerstone, Didcot*
**OMID DJALILI**
Omid will be performing his new fully-formed show to celebrate coming back on to the touring circuit
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**19 February - 22 February**
*Oxford Playhouse*
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**21 February, 7:30pm - 9:30pm**
*The North Wall, Oxford*
**LA TRAVIATA**
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**21 February, 7pm - 11pm**
*The Cellar*
**HARLEIGHBLU LIVE AT THE CELLAR**
Fast rising singer Harleighblu kicks off the year with a run of UK dates in February & March showcasing a new live band set-up, with fresh electronic elements and visuals. This tour builds on an incredible 2013 which saw Nottingham native Harleighblu acknowledged as one of the most promising young stars of UK music for her arresting, charismatic voice and edgy brand of hip hop-infused soul.
Signed to Tru Thoughts, she has received praise from all corners for the debut album 'Forget Me Not' and singles including MistaJam's 'Jam Hot' track Enough Now, the Trevor Nelson-playlisted Play Me, and Let Me Be which drops on 27th January with cutting edge remixes from Titeknots and AstroRaw (Lion Babe). Harleighblu's late 2013 live tour encompassed sold-out album launches as well as major support slots at London's Forum and Electric Ballroom, her mesmerising talent and big personality winning new fans with each outing. The year was topped off with a killer performance on MistaJam's 1Xtra Xmas Party show, adding to a host of live radio sessions including John Kennedy (XFM), The Selector, Robert Elms (BBC London) and Ronnie Herel (Mi-Soul).
becky@decpromotions.co.uk

Cara Dillon
*Saturday 15 February 8pm*
**CORNERSTONE DIDCOT**

**21 February, 8pm**
*Cornerstone, Didcot*
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**22 February - 23 February, 10am - 5pm**
*Waterperry Gardens, Nr Wheatley*
**SNOWDROP WEEKEND**

**22 February, 8:20pm - 11pm**
*The Wheatsheaf High St Oxford*
**GAPPY TOOTH INDUSTRIES**
£4.50 on the door, cheaper at www.wegottickets.com/event/255751
20.45 Beard Of Destiny
21.30 The Lucky Club
22.15 The Heavy Dexters

**22 February**
*The Anvil*
**ANTON DU BEKE BALLROOM TO BROADWAY**
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**22 February, 8pm**
*The Forge*
**KRIS DREVER AND ÉAMONN COYNE**
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**22 February - 23 February, 7:30am - 9:30am**
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**25 February - 26 February, 8pm - 9pm**
*The North Wall, Oxford*
**BRAND NEW ANCIENTS**
Poet and spoken word artist Kate Tempest tells an everyday epic over an exhilarating live score played by tuba, cello, violin, drums and electronics, that finds the gods of today all around us and reveals that our true heroes are much closer than we think.
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**25 February - 1 March**
*Oxford Playhouse*
**DIAL M FOR MURDER**
This hit show stars Christopher Timothy, best known for his roles in popular TV shows All Creatures Great and Small and Doctors. Famously directed on screen by Alfred Hitchcock, this exciting and claustrophobic production is directed by Lucy Bailey, who has worked for many of the country's leading theatre companies, including the National Theatre and Shakespeare's Globe.
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**28 February, 8pm - 8pm**
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Spanning four centuries, this evening's programme by Esfahani covers the gamut of the harpsichord repertoire.
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**28 February, 5pm**
*Oxford Playhouse*
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# WIN ZTT 30th anniversary albums!

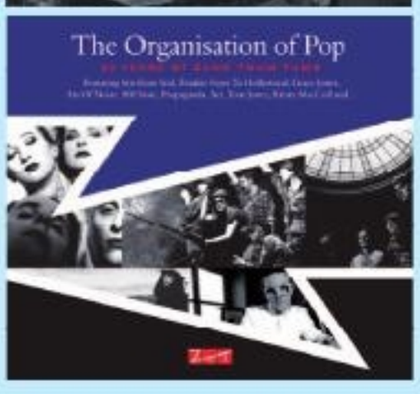
**TO mark the 30th anniversary of one of the most influential, innovative and successful record labels around, ZTT/ Salvo Music have announced three new releases for 2014: 'Frankie Said (Deluxe Edition)', 'The Organisation of Pop (London Edition)' and 'The Art of the 12", Volume Three', all set for release 10th February.**

Expansively highlighting the breadth and depth of ZTT's collective vision, these stylishly packaged releases features cuts and hit singles from Frankie Goes To Hollywood, Grace Jones, Propaganda, Art of Noise, Seal, 808 State, Shane MacGowan, Kirsty MacColl, Shades of Rhythm, Adamski, Lisa Stansfield, Tom Jones, David Jordan and much much more plus remixes, rare and classic 7" and 12" versions, promo videos, TV performances and classic ZTT experiments and overtures plus new words from Paul Morley.

Dreamt up by record producer Trevor Horn, his wife and manager Jill Sinclair and NME journalist Paul Morley, ZTT was founded in 1983 with their ethos to: deliver a "surreal variety show...a European cabaret...a dream department producing perfect pop."

With a style and a sound that no other record label has managed to equal, ZTT has produced 45 UK Top 40 hits from the likes of Art of Noise, Propaganda, Frankie Goes To Hollywood, 808 State, Seal and more. Indeed, ZTT somehow manages to not only discover brand new talent but turn some of its artists into icons by the release of their second single.

'Frankie Said (Deluxe Edition)' brings together - for the first time ever - Frankie Goes To Hollywood's greatest singles, remixes, videos and TV appearances. Noise-shots from the 'Welcome To the Pleasuredome' and 'Liverpool' albums, and rare and unreleased footage from Top Of The Pops, ORS 84 and the Zang Tuum Tum archives. The 24-page booklet also features a new essay from Paul Morley.




'The Organisation of Pop (London Edition)' is a two-disc, 38-track anthology of the first 30 years of Zang Tuum Tumb. Disc One features 19 hit singles from 1983 to the present day while Disc Two, The Disorganisation of Pop, takes a tour of ZTT's archive of experiments, overtures, remixes and special projects. Paul Morley writes about ZTT's reorganisation of pop in the accompanying 24-page booklet.

'The Art of the 12", Volume Three' features rare and classic 12" remixes by the godfathers of electronic and pop, threaded together by their off-shoot projects – and another 80s obsession – TV, film and ad themes, from and inspired by The Tube, The Word, Network 7, A Clockwork Orange, Moonlighting, Escape From New York and the golden era of MTV.

We have a copy of each of these double discs to give away to one lucky reader and all you have to do is answer this simple question:

**Which legendary pop band did Trevor Horn co-found with Geoff Downes?**

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## Sudoku

Place a number from 1 to 9 in each empty cell so that each 3x3 block, column, and full row includes each of the numbers from 1 to 9 only once. **EASY/MEDIUM/HARD**

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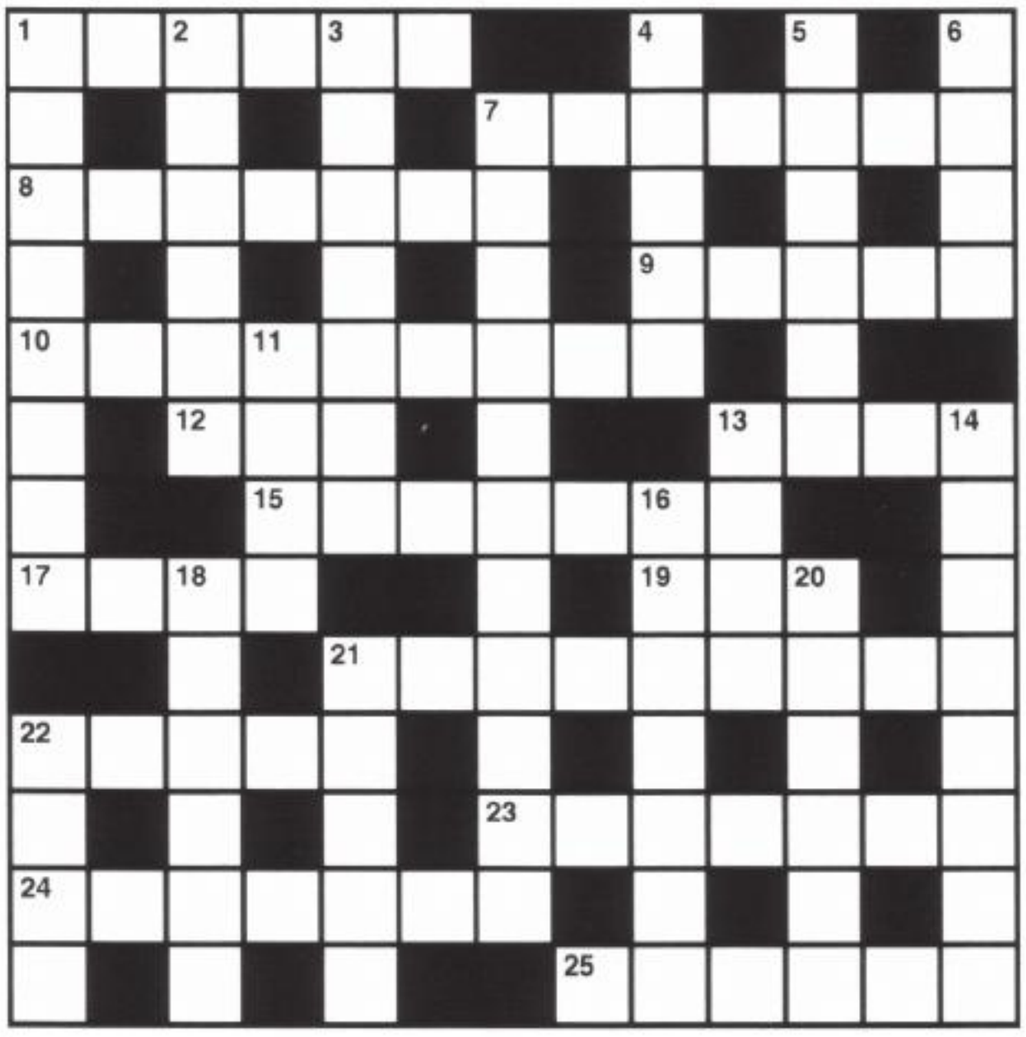
## Two speed crossword

**Quick Clues Across**
1 Platform (6)
7 Tract of level land (7)
8 Front cutting tooth (7)
9 Rows (5)
10 Physical features of a region (9)
12 Worn scrap of cloth (3)
13 Oceans (4)
15 Row of houses (7)
17 Dislike (4)
19 Fowl (3)
21 Making obese (9)
22 Circular frame (5)
23 Rule in tyrannical way (7)
24 Force exerted by reduced air pressure (7)
25 Joins (6)

**Quick Clues Down**
1 Self-righteously moral (8)
2 Medical practitioner (6)
3 Sudden increase (7)
4 Over-quick (5)
5 Go back (6)
6 Unnecessary worry (4)
7 Readiness (11)
11 Entrance (4)
13 Viewed (4)
14 Proposes (8)
16 Debase (7)
18 Ditch (6)
20 Most agreeable (6)
21 Aptitude (5)
22 Sagacious (4)

**Cryptic Clues Across**
1 Guides the saints around for ever (6)
7 Festival drink for Pygmalion's love (7)
8 Reveal how Uncle begins to take over? (7)
9 A flower for the shepherd? (5)
10 Photographs sailors, in leading parts (4,5)
12 Note the bishop's office (3)
13 Lies about a little bit of land (4)
15 They are added to sum up the last article (7)
17 The essence of trusting is truth (4)
19 It's laid quite naturally (3)
21 They are responsible for many a storm in a teacup (9)
22 Postponement of French song (5)
23 Got stung? Annoyed, of course (7)
24 Go back and buy them another meal (7)
25 A Spanish gentleman is so good-looking (6)

**Cryptic Clues Down**
1 Packing with different fun gifts? (8)
2 Beats the former cavities (6)
3 The clergyman had a different side charged (7)
4 Thunderous applause (5)
5 Beastly places where engine cuts out (6)
6 Russian leader got German money by the sound of it (4)
7 10 have to face up to it (6,5)
11 Food sounds suitable (but not for vegetarians) (4)
13 Shakespearian character says 'I'll have a go' (4)
14 Is so deep in stories (8)
16 Set indeed is appointed (7)
18 A lute's used to welcome (6)
20 Fast-eating sprite? (6)
21 Does key work (5)
22 Most unfair (4)



## Scribble space

## Last week's solutions

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**Quick Crossword**
Across: 4 Camera 8 Nippers 10 Tendons 11 Upset 12 Vials 13 Fragrance 16 Assistant 19 Plant 20 Resin 22 Ominous 23 Heedful 24 Basest
Down: 1 Engulf 2 Spas 3 Perturbations _5 Anniversaries 6 Egomania 7 Assess 9 Stern 14 Aquatics 15 Aplomb 17 Slash 18 Tangle 21 Soft

**Cryptic Crossword**
Across: 4 Probed 8 Endured 10 Endwise 11 Stern 12 Elder 13 Ascendant 16 Bowlegged 19 Dingo 20 Dance 22 Averred 23 Stymied 24 Desist
Down: 1 Persia 2 Idle 3 Ironing boards 5 Redletter days 6 Blinding 7 Dreary 9 Delia 14 Chancels 15 Edward 17 Words 18 Dreads 21 Nail

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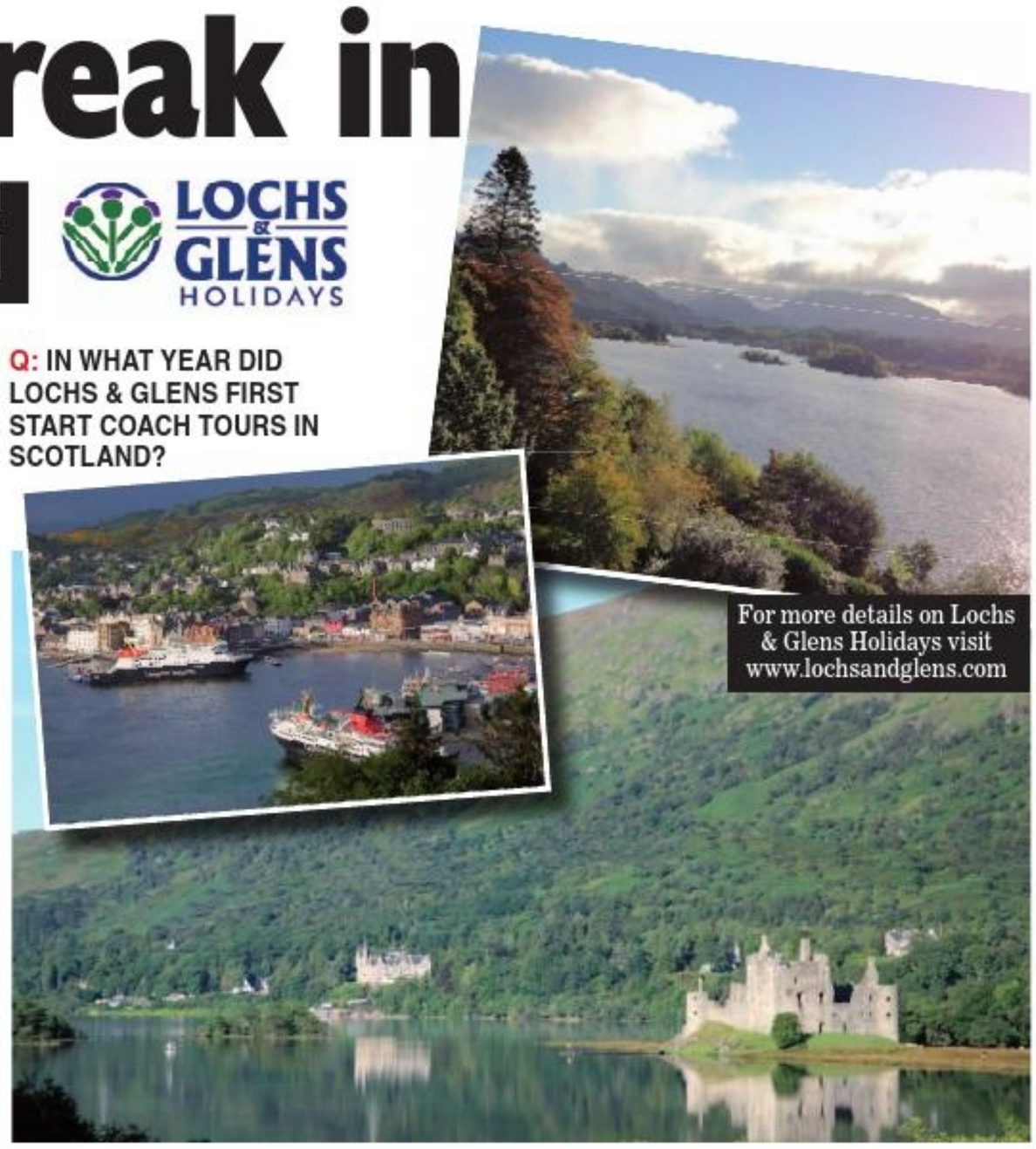

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## Vauxhall ADAM is 'best connected small car in its segment'

# Based on a smartphone

REVIEW: Vauxhall ADAM

By **Andy Allens**

**VAUXHALL Motors has launched a limited edition of 250 ADAMs creating even more levels of personalisation for the urban chic city car. The ADAM Black Edition and ADAM White Edition take their design cues from a smartphone, encompassing optimal connectivity and a sleek and stylish feel.**

The Vauxhall ADAM is the best connected small car in its segment and the new ADAM Black Edition and ADAM White Edition come with Vauxhall's IntelliLink infotainment system and Siri Eyes Free voice control fitted as standard. They reflect typical smartphone looks in black or white, with accents in brushed aluminium effect.

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Engine - 1.4i 16v VVT (87PS)
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Acceleration 0-62mph (sec) - 12.5
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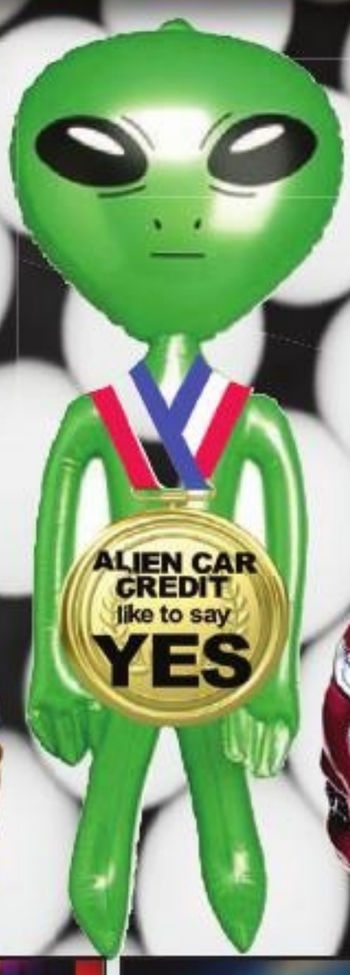

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# U'S EARN POINT AT BATTLING SHAKERS

## U's stay third in table after Ruffels' first senior strike secures draw

**CARETAKER manager Mickey Lewis thought Oxford United's 1-1 draw at relegation-threatened Bury was one of the 'toughest' games of the season.**

Josh Ruffels scored his first senior goal to earn United a draw on Tuesday night, moving Lewis' side to within four points of league leaders Chesterfield.

United headed in to Tuesday's game with the opportunity to not only stay in the top three but to remain in touch with the Spireites and second-placed Scunthorpe United.

However, they came up against a Bury side who, despite lying 17th in the Sky Bet League Two, play attractive football under new manager David Flitcroft.

While Oxford have not been beaten on their travels in the league this season, Bury have not lost at home since November 2. Lewis was under no illusions of how important a point at the JD Stadium could be for United's promotion hopes.

By **Jack Johnson**
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"I've got to be honest, it was well documented before the game, that their current form was as good as ours and they have had a change of manager and players," said Lewis.

"Someone said before the game there was only one player who played against us in the home game.

"I've got to say that they are one of the best teams we've played against."

Lewis was brave in his selection and stuck to the mantra of blooding local youngsters in to the first team.

Ruffels, a regular in recent weeks, kept his place in the starting line-up while 20-year-old Matt Bevans continued at right-back and Callum O'Dowda, who is only 18, featured on the left-hand side of midfield.

Their selection was proved right as Bevans and O'Dowda never looked out of place while Ruffels got his just deserves when he headed home Danny Rose's corner on 58 minutes.

Ruffels' equaliser was all the more important for United as Craig Jones had given Bury the lead just 60 seconds earlier.

United make the trip to Bristol Rovers on Saturday and Lewis added: "In the last six games we have won three and drawn three so that's really good form.

"John Ward will have them right up for it but they probably should be doing better than they are.

"We know we will go there with a big crowd and it is one of those games that we look forward to."

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• *Mickey Lewis remains unbeaten as caretaker boss of Oxford United (Picture by Steve Daniels)*

## Impressive Plymouth down Exiles

**LONDON Welsh slipped to second in the Greene King IPA Championship after a 36-15 defeat at Plymouth Albion.**

Welsh were second best for most of the match and leaked three tries in the opening 13 minutes.

Seb Stegmann's try saw Welsh head into half-time 28-13 adrift but they were unable to build from there and Plymouth extended their lead.

A 16-6 win for Rotherham Titans over Moseley saw the Exiles lose top spot with three points separating the two sides.

Head coach Justin Burnell will now be demanding nothing less than a positive reaction when the Exiles welcome the Titans to the Kassam this Sunday.

A win would see Welsh return to the top of the table and Burnell will hope for a similar performance to the one his side put in at Clifton Lane.

Back in October, the Exiles narrowly beat the Titans 32-27.

## Scott howler hands Barrow victory

**AN ERROR from goalkeeper Mark Scott handed Barrow a 1-0 win over Oxford City at Marsh Lane on Tuesday evening.**

City were looking to end Barrow's eight-match unbeaten run and held their own against one of the Skrill North's in-form teams.

However, Scott's error in the 11th minute proved to be the difference.

His misplaced clearance fell to Phil Marsh who lobbed the ball over Scott, who slipped while trying to recover.

The defeat leaves Mike Ford's side 20th in the table but Histon's defeat to Boston during midweek has handed them a lifeline.

City still have two games in hand over bottom side Workington and three matches in hand over 19th-placed Stalybridge Celtic.

Ford's men are at home to AFC Telford United this Saturday.

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